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REMARKS

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed January 20, 2004, applicants submit the following remarks.

The Office Action

Claims 1-82 are pending in this application, and of those claims 18-79 were withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-17 and 80-82 are therefore currently under examination. Claims 2 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-17, and 80-82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Each of these rejections is addressed as follows.